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We brag of our wares, and do all we can to sell every lady, miss, child and man. It's the way of the world, and so in the way of the world we cheerfully go.

Our goods are the best and the cheapest, we tell. None can for the buyer do nearly so well. Try this dodge and that, for they are the strings that lead the good people to buy our cheap things.

The numberless dodges we traders throw out (like the good people much running about, they being uncertain as to the best, for difference in quality at last must be guessed.

This much we admit, and in looking around, its truthfulness, in every case, will be found. Where there's competition, no use denying. Recourse will be had to some innocent lying.

Each dealer makes claim that he is the best; The lawyers the same way, the same way the rest. It's the way of the world, and so in the way of the world we cheerfully go.

But, after all, and we say it right here, We speak it out loud, not in somebody's ears. Our goods are the cheapest, and by far the best. And, more, those who buy them are sure to be blessed.

AT LYNCH'S.

HAPPY
New Year!

GREAT
CLOSING OUT
SALE

Now in Progress
AT

H. J. GILLEN'S.

CLOAKS
AND
DRESS GOODS

And all Winter Goods
MARKED DOWN!

To Close Out within the Com-
ing few weeks.

Greatest Bargains of
the season in
all lines

AT H. J. GILLEN'S.
LIVERY AND FEED STABLE
AND HACK LINE.

140. TELEPHONE. 150.

PETER EGAN

Will respectfully announce to the citizens of Ottawa and vicinity that he has one of the choicest Livery Stables in the city, at the City Stables, such as

The Latest Styles of Hacks, Carriages and Buggies.

To let at price to suit the times. Parties, Weddings, Funerals, Picnics, etc., supplied with Good Hags on short notice. Funerals in the country or adjoining towns promptly attended to. Persons taken to or from the depot, or to the country, night or day.
Remember the place—On Madison street, east of Albert, one block west of new court house.
GILLEN'S, 240, N. 188.

Today at 3 p. m., Mrs. Dr. Keek closes a very successful engagement here at her business office, from whence she goes to her laboratory at Davenport, Ia.

Those wishing to purchase lands in Kansas would do well to write to Brosius & Griffith, Ways City, Kansas, for information.

Masonic.—From 250 to 300 Masons are expected here next week. They will teach the beginner how to walk level, act square, keep plumb (not the congressman) and go straight.

The Aurora horsemen are trying to get into the Illinois Valley Circuit.

OUT OF THE SMOKE.

H. J. Gillen Still There.

The commotion caused by a fire at his premises a week ago has subsided, and Mr. Gillen is emphatically "himself again," and his store is full of patrons and business is booming every day. The great winter sale, which has caused so much excitement in this establishment for so long, is drawing to a close. It will continue a few days longer to enable those who have been unable to get to town by bad roads to get their share of the benefits of this sacrifice in the prices of first-class goods, such as have never before been seen in Ottawa. All customers shall therefore be allowed the full advantages of this sale for a few days. The remaining portion of these splendid goods will be marked down to reductions which eclipse everything for the next twenty days.

SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS

Are again offered of still greater reductions during this time, so that everybody may have a chance to buy. These new prices will be so low as to excite astonishment everywhere, and are such as cannot be met by any one on strictly standard goods. As new goods are flowing in and more room must be made for them and will be made at any cost or loss!

Now is emphatically your chance for the best bargains you ever had.

H. J. GILLEN.

The Turners' Mask Ball.

The masquerade entertainment at the Turner Hall, on Monday evening, was more numerous attended than any similar occasion in this city. The large hall was crowded with people everywhere. The galleries were so filled that half of the spectators caught only glances now and then of the floor below, and the masquers were so thick that, for a time, dancing was almost impossible till their numbers were considerably thinned out. Willis' orchestra furnished excellent music. At midnight the ladies and lazzes repaired to Jos. Hansen's, where they found a splendid supper. The prizes were won as follows: groups, "The Ottawa boat club," five ladies, Mrs. G. W. Ravens, Mrs. Jacob Christman, Mrs. O. J. Christman, Miss Theresa Diet and Miss Louisa Ravens, 1st prize; "The three graces," Mrs. Geo. Weis, Mrs. Geo. Berg and Mrs. Keppen, 2nd prize; Best Character mask, "old soldier," Emil Hoffman, and vegetable woman, Sophia Drefus. The costumes were as varied as the tastes and conveniences permitted and presented the usual conglomeration as to nationalities, and occupations. The stage performances were good, the burlesque base ball of game perhaps the best. It presented a set players provided with prize fighters' gloves. A few bulls passed and a general row followed, the patrol wagon putting a triumphant ending to the scene. Joe P. Ruff was Prince and Miss Katie Gleim Princess Carnival. Among the visitors from abroad, were Martin Volmer, LaSalle; Rudolf Meyer, Manie Kruege, Emil Strudi and Charles Schaefer, Chicago; L. Lebensburger, Streator; Cora and Etta Johnson, Joliet; Charles Urbes, Mendota.

MARRIED.—CARR—KINER.—The great social event in Grand Rapids of this winter, was the marriage of Fremont Carr of Brookfield and Miss Mary, 3d daughter of Jacob Kiner, on Wednesday Feb. 16th at the beautiful home of the brides parents. About 60 guests assembled to witness the ceremony. Precisely at 12 o'clock the bride and groom appeared in the west parlor and were united in the holy bond of wedlock by Rev. Mr. Calhoun, nephew of Mr. Kiner, in a ceremony that was solemn and impressive. The bride looked her very best in a lovely blue satin dress with suitable trimming and ornaments while the groom, in a dark suit, looked remarkably well. It is but simple justice to state that Miss Mary was one of the handsomest, and most amiable young lady in Grand Rapids and she will be sadly missed by us all, but particularly by the dear ones at home, while Fremont is one of Brookfield's most substantial young men. After hearty congratulations in due time all partook of a sumptuous collation. Then music, songs and lively conversations filled up the afternoon. We neglected to say, that Mrs. Sylvia Thompson played the wedding march while the bride and groom were coming into the parlor. The presents were numerous and beautiful. The parties did not take a tedious trip to any of our large cities, but in the evening went direct to their handsome home in Brookfield and settled down to the sober, but pleasant realities of married life. We wish them joy and happiness, and a long and useful life.

Don't fail to see the B. B. B. at the M. E. church Thursday evening, March tenth.

NEW RACE TRACK.—The Ottawa Driving Park Association have determined to have a new race track, in North Ottawa. They have made a contract for about 26 acres of ground, and have raised over half the money needed for a fine amphitheater, base ball grounds, water, stalls, &c.

Ladies' aid society at the court house, on Tuesday next, at 3 p. m., in the supervisors' room.

Mr. Gillen's insurance, \$1,247.28, has been settled satisfactorily.

The Supreme court will meet on Tuesday next. The anarchists' case is on the criminal docket.

THE FINEST,

THE CHEAPEST,

THE MOST COMPLETE.

Our stock of hats for spring trade, 1887, has been selected with unusual care and comprises all the desirable styles to be found in the United States' wholesale market. Our prices are right. We will save you money on every hat you buy from us, and always sell you the correct style.

FISKE & BEEM.

"Consult Your Own Interest" When in need of anything in clothing, hats, caps, trunks, valises or gents' furnishing goods. Come and see us. We will sell you a better article in any of the above departments for the money than any house in the county and give you a Waterbury watch.

FISKE & BEEM.

Wanted, 1,000 boys to go to Fiske & Beem's and get a Waterbury watch before it is too late.

Clothing.

Our stock of clothing for men, youths, boys and children is now complete. Must be seen to be appreciated. Remember for a short time yet we give the Waterbury watch with every cash sale of \$12 and upwards in this department.

FISKE & BEEM.

We will sell you a hat for less money than any other house in town, and will guarantee it to satisfy you in wear and color. Can you be treated fairer?

FISKE & BEEM.

All the new styles of soft and stiff hats for spring trade are now in stock at Fiske & Beem's one price hat store. Prices always the lowest.

Broadway silk hats for spring, 1887, at Fiske & Beem's.

Dr. Bigelow's stomach and liver pills are superior to all others. Price 25 cents of E. Y. Griggs.

Low Prices on Cottons at Scott Bros. & Co's.

Good yard wide sheeting.....	5c
Indigo blue prints.....	5c
Turkey red prints.....	5c
10c bleached muslins at.....	7 1/2c
10c ticking.....	7 1/2c
10c chevrons.....	7 1/2c
10c gingham.....	7 1/2c

In fact during this sale you can buy all cotton goods at Scott Bros. & Co's at wholesale prices.

The new stock of embroideries has arrived at Scott Bros. & Co's, and if you want to see a bargain in nice embroidery call.

The rush at Scott Bros. & Co's shoe department was the greatest ever seen last week. The sale will be continued through this and next week.

Headquarters for rubbers, umbrellas and gossamers at Scott Bros. & Co's.

Get 'em Cured.

If you are troubled with myopia, or that other disagreeable ailment called Pr. sbyopia, or annoyed with Hypermetropia, or dissatisfied about your astigmatism, go to R. H. Trask's and get a pair of lenses which he warrants will obviate all of the inconveniences of any of the e complaints.

Seeders! Seeders! Seeders, &c.

The big spring stock is beginning to arrive, consisting of a fine line of seeders, plows, planters, harrows, cultivators, &c.,

AT MANLEY & JORDAN'S.

The great sale of silks and velvets at Scott Bros. & Co's will be continued a few days longer. Notice the prices:

Black gros grain silk, \$1.00 quality, for	75 cents.
Black gros grain silk, \$1.25 quality, for	97 cents.
Black gros grain silk, \$1.50 quality, for	\$1.17 1/2.
Black gros grain silk, \$2.00 quality, for	\$1.50.
Colored gros grain silk, \$1.50 quality, for	75 cents.
Colored gros grain silk, \$1.25 quality, for	87 1/2 cents.
Silk velvets in all colors, \$1.00 to \$1.50	qualities, for 75 cents to \$1.00.
Silk plushes, worth \$2.50, for \$1.25 per	yard.
Remnants of silks at 25 to 50 cents per	yard.

Look out for the new carpets at Scott Bros. & Co's next week. All the old carpets and curtains are now being closed out at cost or less.

Pomeroy Suits.

This is the newest and best thing out in the way of spring suits. The cloth is excellent—first quality, and the make-up the very best. Wait for them. They will be here and opened by the 1st of March, at

A. ALSHULER'S

The Pioneer Clothier.

The monthly Weather Review, published by the State Board of Agriculture, gives the following from Ottawa, furnished by Dr. J. O. Harris:

Highest temperature, 52°, on the 22d; lowest, 26°, on the 7th; range, 78°. The mean temperature of the month was 59.2°. The precipitation, 1.77 inches, was 0.01 of an inch above the normal for three Januarys, falling on six days, viz: 6th, 9th, 14th, 22d, 25th, and 31st. Prevailing direction of the wind, S. W. There were 5 clear, 10 fair, and 16 cloudy days. Total snowfall, 15 inches, of which one inch melted on ground at the end of month. Lunar halos on 6th and 11th. Thunder storm on 22d in the morning. Wild geese flying north on 25th.

W. H. Hull & Co. Will show some lovely white goods at their sale next week. See the new robe dresses.

CARPETS! CARPETS!

The greatest 80c Brussels ever offered and the greatest 50c Ingrain carpets. See them all

AT HULL'S.

Werner's Removal. H. G. Werner, the popular Madison Street shoe dealer, has removed to the old "Tea Store" rooms. He has now one of the nicest retail stock of boots and shoes imaginable. He carries the finest make of ladies' shoes in the world, such as "W. B. Jones," "A. Zinn," "Creamer Bros.," and other superior varieties. Also in the way of gents' fine shoes, the Uphain Bros., the best men's hand sewed, also the Jas. Mean's \$3 shoe. He has some of the old stock left, which he will sell at half price. If you want any kind of a good boot or shoe, and to be in the latest style, go to Werner's.

Driving Park Races.

The races to be given under the auspices of the Driving Park, this fall, will be as follows: Joliet, July 26th, 27th, 28th 29th; Streator, August 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th; Ottawa, August 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th; La Salle, August 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th. The purses offered at each place will be the same in amount and for races on the same day of the week, viz: First day.—3.00 trot; 2.25 pace; 4-year old stake race. Second day.—2.25 trot; 2.34 trot; 2-year old stake race. Third day.—Free for all pace; 2.40 trot; 3-year old stake race. Fourth day.—Free for all trot; 2.25 pace; 2.35 pace.

W. W. Taylor, of Ottawa, is the secretary, and Messrs. Swearingin, the pool sellers. There will be a running meeting the first week in June, at Ottawa.

DIED.—John W. Brannon, formerly of Ottawa, once a member of Earl Post, G. A. R., died at Jacksonville, Florida, on the 16th of February, aged 60 years, and was buried by the Mitchell Post, of that city.

TRAMPS.—Our city authorities do not hold out special inducements to tramps to break into the calaboose, because of the richness of the vintads with which they are regaled. The menu is plain bread and a thin beverage unknown to that fraternity, called "water." It is a simple "lay out" and of course, not particularly gorging, but if they don't relish it, they must not incur a liability to live upon it. After about the first of April next, the city council hope to have provided these Knights of Rest with the lively and exhilarating exercise of breaking stone. A lot of these gentry who were in the city last Tuesday night, whose appetites revolted at food, attempted to break out, but officer Lynght caught 'em at it, and, as a punishment they will be given, if possible, a milder diet of—the same variety of bread and water!

Hull's for towels next week.

A Wedding.

The wedding of Mr. Wm. Connelly and Miss Mary Corcoran, of Wallace, on last Monday, was quite an event among the people of that town. The ceremony took place at St. Columba Catholic church, in presence of a few immediate friends, the Rev. Father Ryan officiating. In the evening a large party was given at the residence of the bride's parents, in Wallace, where a delightful time was had in the way of music, dancing and fun unlimited. A correspondent favors us with the names of fifty, or more, out of one hundred people who were present. We wish the happy couple all the happiness they may desire.

Hull's lace next week—all new.

The board of examination of the grand lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Illinois, will hold a school of instruction in this city, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 1st, 2d, and 3d. The session will be held in Masonic hall in the opera house, and begin at 10 a. m. on Tuesday. The Grand Master, Dr. Alex. T. Darrah, of Bloomington, and other prominent masons will be present. All visiting masons are to have return rates at one third the usual fare. A large attendance is expected.

Don't You Forget

That you can get the best lot of trunks and valises, and of any size and all the new fashions, at

A. ALSHULER'S.

Perfect Eye Glasses.

People who are subject to any of the many diseases to which the eye is subject, have great difficulty in procuring lens suitable to the condition of their eyes. They should call upon Mr. Trask and be fitted perfectly. Many eyes are seriously injured by forcing upon them an unsuitable glass. Get the right glass at the start. Mr. Trask has a fine Optometer, or eye measurer. He has also added this week a fine new Optometer, with a full set of lenses, comprising every desirable variety. He can now suit any eye on short notice.

Rev. Frederick's sermon Sunday morning in the Baptist church will be on "Benefits of church membership," and in the evening on "No man stands alone."

WHY do you use Coffee at the present high prices, when one pound of JAPAN TEA at 50c per lb. will go as far as four lbs. of Coffee at 25c per lb.? Try our 50c JAP. TEA, the best in the county, as good as others charge 75c per lb. for. **W. C. RIALE & CO.**

1794. 1810. 1887.

HARTFORD
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

77th ANNUAL STATEMENT.

CASH CAPITAL, - - - -	\$1,250,000.00
Reserve for Re-ins. & all other liabilities, - - - -	2,015,959.77
Net Surplus, - - - -	1,789,986.74
Total Assets, - - - -	\$5,055,946.45

Losses Paid at Ottawa Agency, \$17,976.54.

Losses Paid at the Great Fire in Chicago, \$1,927,462.04.

Total Losses Paid Since Organization:

\$28,507,655.94.

GEO. W. RAVENS, Agt. - S. E. Cor. P. O. Block.

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR SALE,

Tuesday, March 1st,
AT HULL'S.

We will open next Tuesday a beautiful and complete stock of Muslin Underwear of all kinds, in our Madison Street Store, that we will guarantee price and quality in every instance to any you ever saw.

Also, an immense stock of Laces of all kinds; New Embroideries, that for fine quality and style never were equalled for the money. Some entirely new effects in White Goods.

Fifty new styles of Towels and and Tidies. Our spring stock of Handkerchiefs,—all new patterns.

Come and see what we offer in White Goods.

W. H. HULL & CO.

Time is Flying.

Remember that everybody who buys one dollar's worth of goods at C. M. Forbes, will be presented with a ticket, which entitles the holder to a chance on 40 handsome pictures in oil, steel, engravings, oleographs, photographs, &c. Every one of those pictures are first class. The drawing takes place April 4th.

ROAD AND SCHOOL OFFICERS, will find a full assortment of blanks for their use at Hapeman & Graham.

If you need a nice suit for a child, or children, go at once where you will be sure to find what you want—at ALSHULER'S.

A Card of Thanks.

EDITOR ERIC TRADER.—Please permit me in your paper, to express in this manner my sincere thanks to the many kind friends who so faithfully and patiently cheered and comforted and cared for my late sister, Elizabeth B. F. Reddick, during her last illness.

JOHN FUSK.

The Turners cleared \$239 on the entertainment, the largest amount on any similar affair they ever realized before.

WED.—On Tuesday last, Mr. G. H. Bunge of Streator, was united in wedlock to Miss Fannie Mason, of Otter Creek, by Rev. Penhallegan, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Isaac Mason, in Otter Creek. The only hardship about the affair was on the minister, who had to ride 22 miles in the mud to "get there" and back. The couple could not wait till the clouds rolled by, nor till the mud dried up!

FOR SALE.—The dwelling house next to Mrs. C. L. Lindley's, on Washington street, a pleasant part of the city; 10 rooms, comfortable and convenient. Enquire of G. W. Ravens, or Philo M. Lindley.

Great white goods sale at Hull's, beginning next Tuesday in our Madison Street Store. Special Bargains will be offered.

MARRIED.—Thursday, Feb. 17, at the Methodist parsonage, by Rev. D. J. Holmes, Mr. J. W. Levier of Grand Ridge, and Miss Rebecca Love of Streator.

Mr. Jabez Mackey and Miss Meyer, of Streator, are to be married on Tuesday next. Mr. M. belongs to the F. F. of La Salle Co., and is receiving congratulations for his narrow escape from old bachelorism.

The musical entertainment at Judge Evans's, given by ladies of the Episcopal church last Monday evening, was considerably out of the common order, as to fine music and unlimited enjoyment. The entire programme was most excellently rendered, in every respect, and being admirably balanced in its arrangement, proved one of the most thoroughly enjoyable entertainments the winter. A pleasant social hour followed the conclusion of the programme.

For Sale.

The Matthias cottage on Douglas street, opposite Sherman Leland's. A bargain. Apply to Clarence Griggs.

See the new handkerchiefs at Hull's next Tuesday and all next week.

Our investors who are interested in Kansas lands should call on Mr. Geo. P. Griffith, with E. P. Griffith, a few doors west of the First National Bank, who is here on a visit. He is in the real estate business at Hayes City, Kansas, where he has lived some years, and is intimately acquainted with residence with Kansas real estate offerings—town lots, improved or unimproved farm lands, &c., and besides having some bargains on his list, can give buyers a great deal of information that agents not from the ground cannot give their customers except on hear say.

WALL PAPER.—Hapeman & Graham have received a choice lot of spring styles of wall papers, and have secured the services of tasty and excellent workmen to answer all calls in hanging paper. Call and see the new fashions.